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1. BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP
CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT ON MAY 11. SITEP IS
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2. BEGIN SITREP TEXT:

RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP FOR MAY 11

SITUATION ON THE GROUND

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RWANDA: THE RGF REPORTEDLY HAS PLANS TO ATTACK THE MILLES
COLLINES HOTEL IN KIGALI. 500 RWANDANS, INCLUDING FORMER
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HAVE TAKEN REFUGE AT THE HOTEL
SINCE THE BEGINNING OF HOSTILITIES. THE HOTEL'S MANAGER,
CURRENTLY IN BRUSSELS, HAS CONTACTED UNAMIR TO ASK IF
THEY COULD PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATING THE HOTEL'S
OCCUPANTS TO SAFETY BEFORE THE ATTACK BEGINS. (AF/C
TELCON WITH KIGALI)

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GENERAL DALLAIRE REPORTED RPF GAINED VERY LITTLE GROUND IN KIGALI BUT SEEMS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE ITS ATTACK. DALLAIRE ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE ALLEGED ARMY THREAT TO ATTACK THE HOTEL MILLES COLLINES. HE HAS TWO APCs AND "TWO SECTIONS OF TROOPS" GUARDING THE HOTEL. (AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI)

IN MEETINGS TODAY WITH THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AYALA LASSO AND UN FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL DALLAIRE IN BYUMBA, GENERAL KAGAME DID NOT SEEM INTERESTED IN A CEASEFIRE. LASSO TOLD KAGAME THAT HE WILL SEND AN INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION TO RWANDA TO LOOK INTO THE MASSACRES. DALLAIRE WILL MEET WITH THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND INTERIOR TOMORROW TO PRESS FOR A CEASEFIRE AND NEUTRALIZATION OF THE AIRPORT. (AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI)

THE RPF ASSURED THE GOT THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF BLOWING UP THE BRIDGE. THE RPF ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT DESPITE PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY, IT HAS NOT CLOSED THE BORDER BETWEEN RWANDA AND TANZANIA OR PREVENTED

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ANYONE FROM CROSSING INTO TANZANIA. THE RPF STATEMENT WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER TANZANIA ONE THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY THE RPF TO CROSS INTO TANZANIA OR DESTROY THE RUSUMO BRIDGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A DECLARATION OF WAR, (RPF PRESS STATEMENT)

DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS:

UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL DALLAIRE AGREES WITH OUR CONCEPT OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES FOR RWANDAN DISPLACED AND REFUGEES AS LONG AS UNAMIR CANNOT CONTROL OR NEUTRALIZE THE KIGALI AIRPORT. HIS ONLY COMMENT ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S NON-PAPER IS THAT IT DOES NOT GIVE ENOUGH EMPHASIS ON HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR A CEASEFIRE ONCE IT IS AGREED. (AF/C TELCON WITH KIGALI)

THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA SAID THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A REGIONAL SUMMIT ON THE RWANDAN CRISIS THIS WEEKEND IN GOMA, ZAIRE. PRESIDENTS MOBUTU, MWINYI AND MUSEVENI ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. (DAR ES SALAAM 2922)

AUSTRALIA DENIES THE REPORT THAT IT WILL CONTRIBUTE

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TROOPS TO AN EXPANDED UNAMIR. AUSTRALIA IS PROVIDING 360,000 U.S. DOLLARS TO ICRC AND MSF TO HELP CASUALTIES AND REFUGEES OF WAR. (CANBERRA 2592)

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MAY 13 TALKS ON CENTRAL AFRICA IN BRUSSELS, AMEMBASSY PARIS PROVIDED AN ANALYSIS OF GOF VIEWS ON THE RWANDAN CRISIS, INCLUDING THEIR ASSESSMENT OF WHAT THE FRENCH WANT AND WHAT THEY WILL DO IN RWANDA.
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IN SHORT, FRENCH OBJECTIVES ARE CLOSE TO OURS: STOP THE MASSACRES, ARRANGE A CEASEFIRE, AND PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AIDE. THERE IS LITTLE PRESSURE ON THE GOF TO ACT, EXCEPT TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. IN PRINCIPLE, THE FRENCH SUPPORT AN EXPANDED UN FORCE BUT ONLY ONCE A CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT IS BROKERED. (PARIS 13062)

HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

VICE PRESIDENT GORE MET WITH UN SECGEN BOUTROS GHALI, OAU SECGEN SALIM SALIM AND TANZANIAN PRESIDENT MWINYI. GORE TOLD THEM THAT THE U.S. WAS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE TO PROTECT DISPLACED RWANDANS ON THE BORDERS OF TANZANIA AND BURUNDI. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED BY THE THREE INTERLOCUTORS WITH INTEREST, BUT EACH WANTED TO RESERVE HIS REACTION UNTIL THEY COULD CONSIDER THE DETAILS.
(PRETORIA 6682)

ICRC ASKED THAT THE US CONTACT COL BAGASORA IMMEDIATELY TO ASK THAT THE KILLINGS BE STOPPED. ICRC'S SOURCE WITHIN THE RWANDAN MILITARY SAID THAT COL BAGASORA HAS ESTABLISHED LISTS OF INTELLECTUALS AND OTHERS WHO ARE STILL IN HIDING TO RWANDA WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT THOSE NAMED BE KILLED. (USMISSION GENEVA 4440)

ICRC HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORTING FOOD AND EQUIPMENT FROM NAIROBI TO BUJUMBURA FOR ITS OPERATIONS INTO SOUTHERN RWANDA. (NAIROBI 8345)

KAMPALA HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT AN ESTIMATED 3,000 BODIES A
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DAY (UP FROM THE 1,500 REPORTED PREVIOUSLY) ARE FLOATING DOWN THE KAGERA RIVER AS IT CROSSES UGANDA AND DRAINS INTO LAKE VICTORIA. ALTHOUGH EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO RECOVER THE BODIES BEFORE THEY ENTER THE LAKE, KAMPALA SAYS THE EFFORTS ARE NOT ENOUGH AND IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH HAZARDS. (E-MAIL KAMPALA)

END SITREP TEXT.
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